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PAC

PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 20, 2005, 6:00 p.m.

STA Conference Room

One Harbor Center, Suite 130

Suisun, CA 94585

ITEM

COMMITTEE/ STAFF PERSON

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| I. CALL TO ORDER- SELF INTRODUCTIONS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
(6:00-6:05 p.m.) | Eva Laevastu |
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II. MEETING MINUTES DISCUSSION-Pg 1 | |
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III. INFORMATION ITEMS-Pg 4 | |
| A. Joint BAC/PAC Special Meeting (6:05-6:25p.m.) | Eva Laevastu
Mary Woo |
| B. Countywide Pedestrian Plan and Priority Projects
(6:25-6:45 p.m.) | Robert Guerrero |
| C. Review of Pedestrian Plan Funding Options
(6:45-6:55 p.m.) | Robert Guerrero |
| D. Proposed Program Guidelines for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Program and the Countywide Bicycle/ Pedestrian Program
(6:55-7:15 p.m.) | Dan Christians |
| E. Status of PAC Membership (7:15-7:20 p.m.) | Sam Shelton |
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IV. ACTION ITEMS-Pg 10 (7:20-7:30p.m.) | |
| A. PAC Work Plan for 2005
<i>Recommendation: Approve the Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan for 2005</i> | Robert Guerrero |
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V. ADJOURNMENT-Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2005 in the STA Conference Room at One Harbor Center, Suite 130, Suisun, CA 94585 at 6:00 p.m. | |

PAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 6th, 2005 6:30pm
STA Conference Room
One Harbor Center, Suite 130
Suisun, CA 94585

I. CALL TO ORDER/ SELF-INTRODUCTIONS AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The Solano Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Robert Guerrero. A quorum of PAC members was present.

Members Present:	Eva Laevastu	Tri City and County Cooperative Planning
		Group PAC member
	Michael Segala	Suisun City PAC member
	Jim Erickson	Benicia PAC member
	Mary Woo	Vacaville PAC member
	Kathy Blume	Bay Area Ridge Trail Council PAC member

Also Present:	Morrie Barr	City of Fairfield Public Works
	Brian Miller	City of Fairfield Public Works
	Gary Leach	City of Vallejo Public Works
	Beth McKnight	City of Rio Vista
	Allan H. Deal	City of Benicia resident
	Robert Guerrero	STA
	Sam Shelton	STA

Mike Segala made a motion to move item IV.C before item III. There was a general consensus of approval.

IV. ACTION ITEM

C. Appoint 2005 PAC Chair and Vice Chair

Mike Segala made a motion to nominate Eva Laevastu as Chair. On a second by Mary Woo, the PAC unanimously approved the motion. Mike Segala made the motion to nominate Jim Erickson as Vice-Chair. Jim Erickson asked that the PAC not elect him to an officer position. No other nominations were made. Mike Segala made a motion to postpone the election of a Vice Chair until the next PAC meeting. On a second by Jim Erickson, the PAC approved the motion.

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. MTC System of Pedestrian Districts

Robert Guerrero briefed the PAC on MTC's plan to prioritize pedestrian projects with a "System of Pedestrian Districts". Mr. Guerrero mentioned that if PAC members were interested in attending these meetings, they should contact him.

Eva Laevastu asked public works staff about their various pedestrian policies and what governs those policies:

Benicia: Jim Erickson added that Benicia also has a Pedestrian and Bicycle Committee with duties similar to Fairfield's "3E" Committee.

Fairfield: Morrie Barr stated that Fairfield's pedestrian policies are outlined in their General Plan along with Fairfield's Traffic Calming projects. Brian Miller stated that Green Valley Crossing is a good example of following these policies. Barr stated that Fairfield's "3E" committee is heavily involved in setting pedestrian policies. Brian Miller added that walkable architecture is in Fairfield's building code. Morrie Barr commented that ADA access is also part of their pedestrian policies.

Suisun City: Mike Segala stated that Suisun City implements school-oriented traffic calming projects as well as pedestrian oriented priorities along SR 12 and Main Street to connect to the Amtrak Station.

Rio Vista: Robert Guerrero added that Rio Vista's priority pedestrian project is their Rio Vista Waterfront Project, which Beth McKnight added that phases were completed two years ago.

Vallejo: Gary Leach explained that Vallejo's pedestrian policies are in their General Plan and they also work with school districts.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

A. MTC Regional Bicycle Pedestrian Program

Robert Guerrero gave a brief summary of MTC's program. Eva Laevastu asked jurisdictions to bring forward projects.

Brian Miller gave a brief overview of the Fairfield Linear Park Trail: North Texas Street to Dover Avenue Segment. Mike Segala indicated that he would like to see funding for landscaping and public art amenities come from other sources. Morrie Barr stated that he and Brian Miller will show these pedestrian amenities as part of the local match. Jim Erickson made a motion to recommend the project if certain amenities are funded only through the local match. On a second by Mike Segala the PAC unanimously passed the recommendation.

Gary Leach gave a brief overview of the Vallejo Station Downtown Link project. The PAC raised the same concerns about funding amenities such as trees and public art with the grant funding. Jim Erickson reminded the PAC that this would be setting a precedent for other PAC decisions regarding this funding program. Mike Segala made a motion to recommend this project if the local match funded other amenities. On a second by Jim Erickson the PAC unanimously passed the recommendation.

B. TDA Article 3 Subcommittee Appointment

Robert Guerrero gave a brief overview of how TDA Article three funds are programmed by the BAC using a 5-year plan. To incorporate the PAC, Mr. Guerrero asked the PAC to nominate two members to serve on a joint BAC/PAC subcommittee that will meet in early March to forward their recommendations to the BAC and PAC in April.

All PAC members were concerned with pitting bike and pedestrian interests against each other; however, they did recognize that many projects often work to benefit both bikes and pedestrians.

Mike Segala and Eva Laevastu volunteered for the joint the subcommittee. Mary Woo indicated she would participate if needed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Robert Guerrero gave a quick announcement that the Fairfield Transportation Center Phase II ribbon cutting ceremony was a success and that the next PAC meeting will be on April 14th (later revised to April 20th).

The PAC adjourned at 8:18 pm.



DATE: April 13, 2005
TO: STA PAC
FROM: Robert Guerrero, Associate Planner
RE: Information Items

- A. Joint BAC/PAC Special Meeting-** (Eva Laevastu, PAC and Mary Woo PAC)
A joint Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC) and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting was held on Thursday, March 31, 2005 to discuss the future implementation of the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 program, the intergration of the PAC, and alternative modes funding opportunities. The joint committee attendees included J.B. Davis, Randy Carlson, Mary Woo, Eva Laevastu, as well as staff from STA and Paul Wiese from Solano County Transportation Department. Ms. Laevastu and Ms. Woo will be available to provide the PAC an update on the recommendations provided by the joint committee.
- B. Countywide Pedestrian Plan and Priority Projects-** (Robert Guerrero, STA)
In 2004, based on input from the PAC, the STA Board approved the first Countywide Pedestrian Plan. A brief presentation will be provided. The Countywide Pedestrian Plan documented several priority projects as identified by each agency or multi-agencies (see Attachment III.A, Pg. 6). The PAC will be encouraged to develop criteria to further prioritize and/or amend the current list of priority projects for pedestrian funding opportunities anticipated in the near future. Examples of criteria for discussion include: pedestrian accident rates and proximity to transit, schools and/or employment. The criteria will be brought back to the PAC as an action item at a tentatively scheduled PAC meeting on Thursday, May 19, 2005.
- C. Review of Pedestrian Plan Funding Options-** (Robert Guerrero, STA)
Several funding opportunities will be available for pedestrian improvement projects in the next three to four years. Attachment III.B (Pg.7) is a summary of potential discretionary and competitive funding opportunities for the Bay Area region and statewide. STA staff is working on an Alternative Modes Funding Program which will illustrate what projects would be more likely to compete well in each fund source based on expected project type, project timeline, and funding need. The Alternative Modes Funding Program will be discussed in greater detail at the STA's Alternative Modes Committee originally scheduled for April 28, 2005 (this meeting has been rescheduled due to schedule conflicts).

- D. Proposed Program Guidelines for the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Program and the Countywide Bicycle/ Pedestrian Program - (Dan Christians, STA)**
STA staff is currently developing an updated TDA Article 3 Fund Program Guidelines and will provide copies for the PAC to review at their April 20th meeting. The PAC will be encouraged to provide input prior to adopting the updated guidelines at their May 19, 2005 meeting. The updated guidelines will incorporate methods to ensure the PAC's participation in recommending projects for the TDA Article 3 and the Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Program. Preliminary discussions with the BAC indicated a strong desire to work together in recommending projects for both programs. As a minimum, staff is recommending that 33% of the funding be dedicated to pedestrian improvements annually.
- E. Status of PAC Membership- (Sam Shelton, STA)**
There are currently nine vacancies on the PAC (see Attachment III.C, Pg.9). Two potential candidates have expressed interest for the cities of Fairfield and Vallejo and are expected to attend the April 20th PAC meeting. Staff will continue to advertise vacant positions on the STA's website and periodic press releases through Solano's news publications. Potential members will be encouraged to contact their respective city or agency for a PAC nomination. The STA Board will review all nominations and make the PAC appointments.

Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Priority Projects

Priority Pedestrian Projects by Jurisdiction

Benicia	I-780 Overcrossing at State Park Road/ Rose Dr.
Dixon	Multi-Modal Transportaiton Center
Fairfield	West Texas Street Urban Village Project
Rio Vista	Waterfront Plan and Improvement Project
Suisun	Driftwood Drive Pedestrian Project
Solano County	Old Town Cordelia Pedestrian Improvement (pending)
Vacaville	Vacaville Creekwalk Extension
Vallejo	Vallejo Ferry Station Pedestrian Streetscape Enhancements Program

Multi-Jurisdictions - Pedestrian Project

Fairfield/Suisun	Union Street Ave.
Fairfield/Suisun/Solano County/ Vacaville	Jepson Parkway

Priority Bicycle Projects

Benicia	I-780 Overcrossing at State Park Road/ Rose Dr.
Fairfield	McGary Road
Suisun	Central County Bikeway

Multi-Jurisdiction- Bike Project

Fairfield/Suisun/Solano County/ Vacaville	Jepson Parkway
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ATTACHMENT III.B

Alternative Modes Funding Programs 2005-09

Fiscal Year	Fund Programs	Approximate Funding Target Amounts		
Fiscal Year 2005/06	Enhancements FY05/06	\$1,629,000	Total Discretionary Funding	\$3,268,097
	TFCA Program Manager Funds Fiscal Year 05/06 (Assumes 25% of BAAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$79,750		
	YSAQMD Clean Air Funds Fiscal Year 05/06 (Assumes 25% of YSAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$72,500		
	TDA Article 3 Fiscal Year 05/06	\$286,847		
	ECMAQ Fiscal Year 05/06	\$1,200,000		
	MTC Regional TLC/HIP (Assumes 6% of \$18 mil)	\$1,080,000	Total Regional Competitive Funding	\$2,400,000
	BAAQMD Regional TFCA Funds (Assumes 6% of \$10 mil)	\$600,000		
	RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Program (Assumes 6% of \$4 mil)	\$240,000		
	MTC Regional Bicycle/ Ped Program (Assumes 6% of \$8 mil)	\$480,000		
	Caltrans BTA (Assumes 1% of \$8 mil)	\$80,000	Total State Competitive Funding	\$320,000
	Caltrans Safe Routes to School Program (1% of \$24 mil)	\$240,000		
Fiscal Year 2006/07	County TLC (Enhancements/CMAQ) FY06/07 (Based on MTC's Enhancement estimate)	\$462,000	Total Discretionary Funding	\$2,573,075
	TFCA Program Manager Funds Fiscal Year 06/07 (Assumes 25% of BAAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$319,000		
	YSAQMD Clean Air Funds Fiscal Year 06/07 (Assumes 25% of YSAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$290,000		
	TDA Article 3 Fiscal Year 06/07 (Based on MTC Estimate)	\$302,075		
	ECMAQ Fiscal Year 06/07	\$1,200,000		
	MTC Regional TLC/HIP (Assumes 6% of \$18 mil)	\$1,080,000	Total Regional Competitive Funding	\$1,680,000
	BAAQMD Regional TFCA Funds (Assumes 6% of \$10 mil)	\$600,000		
	Caltrans BTA (Assumes 6% of 8mil)	\$80,000		
	Caltrans Safe Routes to School Program (Assumes 1% of \$24 mil)	\$240,000	Total State Competitive Funding	\$320,000
Fiscal Year 2007/08	County TLC (Enhancements/CMAQ) FY07/08 (Based on MTC's Enhancements/CMAQ estimate)	\$966,000	Total Discretionary Funding	\$3,791,977
	TFCA Program Manager Funds Fiscal Year 07/08 (Assumes 25% of BAAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$319,000		
	YSAQMD Clean Air Funds Fiscal Year 07/08 (Assumes 25% of YSAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$290,000		
	TDA Article 3 Fiscal Year 07/08 (Based on MTC Estimate)	\$319,060		
	ECMAQ Fiscal Year 07/08	\$1,200,000		
	Solano Bicycle/ Pedestrian Program Fiscal Years 07/08 (County share for FY 07/08 & FY08/09 is \$1,395,835)	\$697,917	Total Regional Competitive Funding	\$1,920,000
	MTC Regional TLC/HIP 06/07 (Assumes 6% of \$18mil)	\$1,080,000		
	BAAQMD Regional TFCA Funds (Assumes 6% of \$10 mil)	\$600,000		
	RM2 Safe Routes to Transit Program (Assumes 6% of \$4 mil)	\$240,000		
	Caltrans BTA Fiscal (Assumes 1% of \$8 mil)	\$80,000	Total State Competitive Funding	\$320,000
	Caltrans Safe Routes to School Program (Assumes 1% of \$24 mil)	\$240,000		

*Regional funding target based on Solano County's population share equal to about 6% of the San Francisco Bay Area.

**State competitive target based on Solano County's population share equal to about 1% of the State of California.

ATTACHMENT III.B

Fiscal Year 2008/09	County TLC (Enhancements/CMAQ) FY08/09 (Based on MTC Enhancement/CMAQ estimate)	\$861,000	Total Discretionary Funding	\$3,704,576
	TFCA Program Manager Funds Fiscal Year 08/09 (Assumes 25% of BAAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$319,000		
	YSAQMD Clean Air Funds Fiscal Year 08/09 (Assumes 25% of YSAQMD FY05/06 estimate)	\$290,000		
	IDA Article 3 Fiscal Year 07/08 (Based on MTC Estimate)	\$336,659		
	ECMAQ Fiscal Year 08/09	\$1,200,000		
	Solano Bicycle/ Pedestrian Program Fiscal Years 08/09 (County share for FY 07/08 & FY08/09 is \$1,395,835)	\$697,917		
	MTC Regional TLC/HIP Fiscal Year 06/07 (Assumes 6% of \$18 mil)	\$1,080,000	Total Regional Competitive Funding	\$1,680,000
	BAAQMD Regional TFCA Funds (Assumes 6% of \$10 mil)	\$600,000		
	Caltrans BTA Fiscal Year 06/07 (Assumes 1% of 8 mil)	\$80,000	Total State Competitive Funding	\$320,000
	Caltrans Safe Routes to School Program (Assumes 1% of \$24 mil)	\$240,000		
		Total target amount for Solano County projects FY 2005/09	\$22,297,725	

Estimated Alternative Mode Fund Summary FY2005/06 to FY08/09

County Discretionary Funds	\$13,337,725
Regional Competitive Funds	\$7,680,000
State Competitive Funds	\$1,280,000
Total	\$22,297,725

Pedestrian Advisory Committee Membership Roster

(Currently six PAC Members and two prospective members)

City and County Representation

City of Benicia	Jim Erickson
City of Suisun	Michael Segala
City of Vacaville	Mary Woo
City of Fairfield- <i>Prosepective Member - Pat Moran</i>	<i>VACANT</i>
City of Vallejo- <i>Prospective Member- Lynne Williams</i>	<i>VACANT</i>
City of Dixon	<i>VACANT</i>
County of Solano	<i>VACANT</i>
City of Rio Vista	<i>VACANT</i>

Member at Large:

Benicia Resident	Allen Deal
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Other Agency PAC Representation

Tri City and County Cooperative Planning Group	Eva K. Laevastu
Bay Area Ridge Trail Council	Kathy Blume
Solano County Agriculture Commission	<i>VACANT</i>
San Francisco Bay Trail Program	<i>VACANT</i>
Solano Community College	<i>VACANT</i>
Solano Land Trust	<i>VACANT</i>



Date: April 13, 2005
To: STA PAC
From: Robert Guerrero, Associate Planner
RE: PAC Work Plan for 2005

Background:

To assist the STA Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) in its functions, STA staff and PAC Chairperson, Eva Laevastu, developed a draft list of tasks/action items for the PAC to consider as part of their overall work plan for 2005 (see Attachment IV.A, Pg.12). The PAC Work Plan for 2005 is intended to be a guide for the committee's activities.

Discussion:

The Proposed PAC Work Plan for 2005 assumes the PAC will continue to meet quarterly beginning next month. The remaining meeting dates for 2005 will therefore tentatively be May 19th, August 18th, and November 17th. Staff proposes to continue meeting on the 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m. of every meeting month to maintain consistency for committee member's calendar.

The primary responsibility of the PAC will be to implement the Countywide Pedestrian Plan by recommending priority pedestrian projects for future funding opportunities mainly through the Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 program and Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Program. As indicated in the information items section of this agenda, the PAC will need to spend the next few meetings developing criteria to prioritize pedestrian projects and provide input in the development of the TDA Article 3 Guidelines Update. Pedestrian project sponsors will be invited to present their agency's priority project as indicated in Countywide Pedestrian Plan. Other important initial tasks include electing a Vice-Chair and developing PAC Bylaws to govern committee member actions.

The proposed Work Plan also includes an opportunity for PAC members to visit pedestrian oriented projects in the fall. The field trips may include the Countywide Pedestrian Plan priority project locations and/or one or two locations in the Bay Area. Another idea was for the PAC to possibly develop a Solano Walkability Brochure which illustrates good walking locations throughout Solano County.

Ongoing activities identified in the proposed Work Plan include regular updates on the STA Alternative Modes Committee, STA Bicycle Advisory Committee, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's (MTC) Pedestrian Working Group activities. Staff and members of the PAC will also continue outreach efforts to fill vacant PAC positions.

Recommendation:

Review and approve the Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan for 2005.

Attachment

IV.A Draft Pedestrian Advisory Committee Work Plan for 2005

Draft Pedestrian Advisory Committee (PAC) Overall Work Plan for 2005

<u>Tasks/Action Items</u>	<u>Potential Meeting Dates</u>
Regular updates on the STA's Alternative Modes Committee, STA's Bicycle Advisory Committee, MTC's Pedestrian Working Group	Ongoing
PAC membership outreach	Ongoing
Set PAC quarterly meeting dates (quarterly meetings) and appoint Vice-Chair	May 19, 2005
Pedestrian Advisory Committee Bylaws	May 19, 2005
Update Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 Guidelines and Recommend TDA Art. 3 Projects	May 19, 2005
Review and provide input on STA's Alternative Modes Funding Strategy	May 19, 2005
Countywide Pedestrian Plan Project Prioritization	August 18, 2005
MTC Regional and Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Project Evaluation	August 18, 2005
Pedestrian Facilities Field Review	November 17, 2005
Solano Walkability Brochure	November 17, 2005